



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

DATES: This notice is applicable on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986-88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties when the volume of imports of that product exceeds the sum of (1) a base trigger level multiplied by the average of the last three years of available import data and (2) the

change in yearly consumption in the most recent year for which data are available (provided that the final trigger level is not less than 105 percent of the three-year import average). The base trigger level is set at 105, 110, or 125 percent of the three-year import average, depending on the percentage of domestic consumption that is represented by imports. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the Federal Register information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1007 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.601(a)(42)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels, consistent with the provisions of Article 5.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2023) and in the Secretary of Agriculture's Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the Federal Register at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superseded by the levels indicated in the Annex to

this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the Federal Register, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

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ANNEX – QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER

Product	2023 Quantity-based Safeguard Trigger		
	Trigger Level	Unit	Period
Beef	347,198	MT	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Mutton	4,552	MT	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Cream	9,985,720	Liters	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	6,653,570	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Nonfat Dry Milk	1,756,313	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

Dried Whole Milk	4,143,647	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Dried Cream	53,297	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	223,737	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Butter 1/	48,065,758	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Butteroil	26,189,838	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Chocolate Crumb	12,725,670	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	829,149	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Animal Feed Containing Milk	193,835	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Ice Cream	14,903,971	Liters	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Dairy Mixtures	24,530,673	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	9,621,394	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Blue Cheese	3,819,960	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Cheddar Cheese	12,221,307	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
American-Type Cheese	74,528	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Edam/Gouda Cheese	12,097,071	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Italian-Type Cheese	23,283,445	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	23,441,766	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Gruyere Process Cheese	4,168,160	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
NSPF Cheese	45,793,590	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Lowfat Cheese	120,534	Kilograms	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Peanut Butter/Paste	4,738	MT	Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023
Peanuts 1/	673	MT	April 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023
	5,947	MT	April 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2024
Raw Cane Sugar 1/	634,554	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	899,349	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Refined Sugars and Syrups 1/	280,612	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023

	639,299	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Articles over 65% Sugar	662	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	975	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Articles over 10% Sugar	22,852	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	25,111	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Blended Syrups	463	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	965	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	727	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	671	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Mixes and Doughs	4,420	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	4,400	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	446	MT	Oct 1, 2022 - Sep 30, 2023
	799	MT	Oct 1, 2023 - Sep 30, 2024
Short Staple Cotton 2/	18,889	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2022 - Sep 19, 2023
	13,415	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2023 - Sep 19, 2024
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023
	0	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
Extra Long Staple Cotton	724,706	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023
	747,139	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
Medium Staple Cotton	173	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023
	163	Kilograms	Aug 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
Cotton Waste 2/	1,510,045	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2022 - Sep 19, 2023
	1,385,381	Kilograms	Sep 20, 2023 - Sep 19, 2024
Cotton Processed but not Spun 2/	202	Kilograms	Sep 11, 2022 - Sep 10, 2023
	18,752	Kilograms	Sep 11, 2023 - Sep 10, 2024

1/ Includes change in U.S. consumption.

2/ 12-month period from October to September.

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